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[EXTERNAL] Submission on DOI scoping consultation for Arctic Refuge1 message

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Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the caribou and the resent discussion had about the resent Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development. There are a lot of reasons why the caribou are important. They are important for the food cycle, it will be a crisis for the whole world and it will also be a terrible thing for the Gwich'in first nation.

First of all, the food cycle is one of the most important things that will be ruined. The food cycle is part of humans, birds, wolves, polar bears, hawks, lemming, lichen, grasses, musk ox, arctic wildflower and the arctic hare. If drilling moves forward this is how many species will be affected.

Secondly, it will be a crisis for the whole world. This will be a crisis to the world because if the caribou are affected like I said in the first paragraph we will be affected and the animals and the plants will be affected. So, the world be affected by there will be not a lot of food left for us and the animals will go down because the caribou will not go where the animals will hunt them normally.

Furthermore, the Gwich'in first nation will be affected by this. The Gwich'in first nation will be affected because they hunt for the caribou when they come at the arctic national wildlife refuge and if we do this the Gwich'in first nation won't be able to hunt for the caribou and it will be hard for them to survive at that time of year because it is what Gwich'in first nation eat.

I do get that oil is important in our society because more and more people are starting to drive, lighting house's, doing commerce, watching television etc., So yes, we do need to get more oil for this world. However, there are a lot of solutions for this like we could use solar panels, drilling somewhere else without disturbing a sensitive animal, using a different kind of oil like propane, natural gas, ethanol, wind power and coal.

Thank you for taking your time reading this letter.

Sincerely,
Vanessa.

cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna
House of Commons

cc: M. Justin Trudeau

cc: Minister Chrystia Freeland

cc: Ms. Nadine Sander-Green